1	2	3
21.	Sikkim	1.28
22.	Tamil Nadu	43635.18
23.	Tripura	52.59
24.	Uttar Pradesh	65301.10
25.	Uttarakhand	1338.31
26.	West Bengal	42713.67
	TOTAL	1243545.25

Suicide by farmers in Eastern Uttar Pradesh

†3664. SHRIMATI KUSUM RAI : Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a number of farmers have committed suicide during the past three years in Eastern Uttar Pradesh particularly in Mau, Azamgarh, Gorakhpur, Basti, Deoria, Balia, Gazipur, Jaunpur and Varanasi;

(b) if so, the details thereof, year-wise, district-wise;

(c) whether Government is aware of the fact that the plight of farmers in these districts is very pathetic and they are on the verge of committing suicide in large numbers any time; and

(d) year-wise and district-wise details of the steps taken by Government for the farmers of Eastern Uttar Pradesh in such conditions during the past five years?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) to (d) The information is being collected and shall be laid on the Table of the House.

Central assistance for drought affected Karnataka

3665. SHRI RAJEEV CHANDRASEKHAR: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Karnataka State Government submitted to the Centre a Memorandum seeking Central assistance of Rs. 2019.55 crores on account of drought in the State in the year 2008; and

(b) if so, the extent to which State's request for drought relief has been accepted and by when the same is likely to be released?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (PROF. K.V. THOMAS): (a) and (b) This was considered by the High Level Committee (HLC), headed by the

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.